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# Keesler AFB PEM Demonstration Project Midterm Report

Proton Exchange Membrane (PEM) Fuel Cell Demonstration Of Domestically Produced PEM Fuel Cells in Military Facilities

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## **Executive Summary**

Under terms of its FY'03 DOD Proton Exchange Membrane (PEM) Demonstration Contract with ERDC/CERL, LOGANEnergy installed a Plug Power GenSys 5kWe Combined Heat and Power fuel cell power plant (see <u>Appendix Section 2</u> for detailed specifications) at Keesler Air Force Base, Biloxi, MI. The unit was sited at the residence of Lt. Col. T. Yang, commander of the Civil Engineering Squadron. It was electrically configured to provide grid parallel/grid independent service to the Colonel's residence and also thermally integrated with a small Munters HVAC desiccant air unit to provide cool dry air to support the air conditioning system at the residence. It is anticipated that the project will add an additional \$483.35 in energy costs to the base during the period of performance.

The Keesler AFB POC for this project is Lt Michael Fuller, who can be reached at the following address and phone number: <a href="michael.fuller@keesler.af.mil">michael.fuller@keesler.af.mil</a> 228.377.3801

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# Proposal – Proton Exchange Membrane (PEM) Fuel Cell Demonstration of Domestically Produced Residential PEM Fuel Cells in Military Facilities

#### 1.0 <u>Descriptive Title</u>

LOGANEnergy Corp. Small Scale PEM 2004 Demonstration Project at the residence of Lt. Col. T. Yang at Keesler AFB, Biloxi, MS.

### 2.0 Name, Address and Related Company Information

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LOGANEnergy Corporation is a private Fuel Cell Energy Services company founded in 1994. LOGAN specializes in planning, developing, and maintaining fuel cell projects. In addition, the company works closely with manufacturers to implement their product commercialization strategies. Over the past decade, LOGAN has analyzed hundreds of fuel cell applications. The company has acquired technical skills and expertise by designing, installing and operating over 30 commercial and small-scale fuel cell projects totaling over 7 megawatts of power. These services have been provided to the Department of Defense, fuel cell manufacturers, utilities, and other commercial customers. Presently, LOGAN supports 30 Phosphoric Acid Fuel Cell (PAFC) and PEM fuel cell projects at 21 locations in 12 states, and has agreements to install 18 units in the US and the UK through 2006.

#### 3.0 Production Capability of the Manufacturer

Plug Power manufactures a line of PEM fuel cell products at its production facility in Latham, NY. The facility produces three lines of PEM products including the 5kW GenSys5C natural gas unit, the GenSys5P Liquid Propane Gas (LPG) unit, and the GenCor 5kW standby power system. The current facility has the capability of manufacturing 10,000 units annually. Plug Power will support this project by providing remote monitoring, telephonic field support, overnight parts supply, and customer support. These services are intended to enhance the reliability and performance of the unit and achieve the highest possible customer satisfaction. Vinny Cassala is the Plug Power point of contact for this project. His phone number is 518.782.7700 ex,1228 and his email address is vincent\_cassala@plugpower.com.

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#### 6.0 Past Relevant Performance Information

a) Contract: PC25 Fuel Cell Service and Maintenance Contract #X1237022

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Contract: Four-year PC25 PM Services Maintenance Agreement.

In November 2002 Merck & Company issued a four-year contract to LOGAN to provide fuel cell service, maintenance and operational support for one PC25C fuel cell installed at their Rahway, NJ plant. During the contract period the power plant has operated at 94% availability.

b) Contract: Plug Power Service and Maintenance Agreement to support one 5kWe GenSys 5C and one 5kWe GenSys 5P PEM power plant at NAS Patuxant River, MD.

Plug Power Vinny Cassala 968 Albany Shaker Rd. Latham, NY 12110 (518) 782-7700 ex 1228

LOGAN performed the start-up of both units after Southern Maryland Electric Cooperative completed most of the installation work and continues to provide service and maintenance during the period of performance.

 c) Contract: A Partners LLC Commercial Fuel Cell Project Design, Installation and 5-year service and maintenance agreement.
 Contract # A Partners LLC, 12/31/01

Mr. Ron Allison A Partner LLC 1171 Fulton Mall Fresno, CA 93721 (559) 233-3262

On April 20, 2004 LOGAN completed the installation of a 600kWe PC25C Combined Heat and Power (CHP) fuel cell installation in Fresno, CA.

## 7.0 <u>Host Facility Information</u>



Keesler Air Force Base, in Biloxi, Mississippi, is located approximately 83 miles east of New Orleans, Louisiana, and approximately 65 miles west of Mobile, Alabama.

Keesler opened in 1941, when the city of Biloxi deeded 1,563 acres of land to the government for an Army Air Corps technical training base for airplane and engine

mechanics. Keesler AFB is home to the 81st Training Wing, one of Air Education and Training Command's largest technical training wings.

Keesler is part of Air Education and Training Command, and its primary mission since 1941 has been training. The emphasis is on high-technology training in a number of fields, primarily in the electronics specialties. Avionics maintenance, radio and radar systems maintenance, communications-electronics, computer systems programming and maintenance, air traffic control, and weather training are but a few of the main specialties taught at Keesler.

The base was named in honor or 2nd Lt. Samuel Reeves Keesler Jr., an Arial observer from Greenwood, MS, who was killed in action in France during World War I. During World War II, 142,000 aviation mechanics and 336,000 new recruits were trained at Keesler. The majority of the B-24 "Liberator" bomber mechanics were Keesler trainees. Many other schools operated at Keesler during the war, including the B-24 copilot and emergency rescue schools graduates. Many other schools operated at Keesler during the war, including the B-24 copilot and emergency rescue schools.

During the 1970s, Keesler remained the largest training center in the Air Force and became the nation's main supplier of electronics technicians. Two additional areas of training received special attention in the 1980s: airborne warning and control systems and ground launched cruise missile. The air traffic control program also received its share of attention, especially during the 1981 professional air traffic controllers' strike. By presidential order, military controllers, trained at Keesler, stepped in and kept the nation's airways flowing.

In 1992, Keesler began training all of the DoD's weather forecasters and observers when it gained courses from the closing of Chanute AFB, IL. Flying training returned once again in 1994 with the instruction of pilots in the C-12 and C21 aircraft.

Mississippi Power is the electric service provider and Center Point is the natural gas provider to Keesler AFB.

## 8.0 <u>Fuel Cell Installation</u>

After LOGAN conducted a preliminary site visit on August 25, 2004 with Lt Mike Fuller, Keesler POC, and following consultations with Lt. Col. T. Yang CE Squadron Commander, it was determined that Lt. Col. T. Yang's residence would be the first choice for the demonstration site. The photos of the colonel's residence, <u>Figures 1</u> and <u>2</u>, were taken during the visit.

The unit operates normally in a grid parallel configuration at a set point of 2.5kW. At this power dispatch rate the Gensys5C unit consumes 3345 Standard Cubic Feet (SCF) with a nominal Low Heating Value (LHV) of 945 Btu/SCF of natural gas.







Figure 2- Fuel Cell Site

Electric utility connections are located on the garage exterior wall behind the fuel cell pad site location as viewed in <u>Figure 3</u>, below. Natural gas service for the fuel cell is located about 120 feet from the proposed pad site, but the routing did not impose any significant installation problems.



Figure 3- Electric Utility Connection

Installation was completed, as viewed below in <u>Figure 4</u>, at this site on March 4, 2005, and required 86.25 man-hours. The fuel cell passed the acceptance test and was commissioned on March 7, 2005. See <u>Appendix 2</u> for the checklist.



Figure 4- Completed Installation

# PEM Fuel Cell Installation One-Line Diagram Fuel Supply, City Gas or LPG Tank **Exterior Wall** NG or LPG Line Display Room Desiccant Thermal Loop Piping BTU Meters Unit Plug Pwr DI R/O Water Supply GenSys 120V Grid Line Emerg Panel Watt Meter Data Control Panel Phone Line 24V Control Wires to Relay Panel DI Solenoid Wires

Figure 5- ...Diagram of electrical, mechanical, thermal, and communications interfaces between the fuel cell and the host facility.

WEB Router

WEB ISP

Instrumentation Wiring

# 9.0 <u>Electrical System</u>

The Plug Power GenSys 5C PEM fuel cell power plant provides both gird parallel and grid independent operating configurations for site power management. This capability is an important milestone in the development of the GenSys5 product and for the PEM Program itself, as it is a significant developmental step on the pathway to product commercialization. The unit has a power output of 110/120 VAC at 60 Hz, and when necessary the voltage can be adjusted to 208vac or 220vac depending upon actual site conditions. Figure 3, above, shows the electrical service panel on the rear wall of Col Yang's garage where the fuel cell was electrically coupled to the base utility grid. A new fuel cell emergency panel was installed adjacent to the existing panel and has several non-critical circuits totaling 35 amps attached to simulate the fuel cell's stand-by power application.

## 10.0 Thermal Recovery System

While operating at a set point of 2.5 kW, the GenSys5C has a heat rate 35,200Btu/H and offloads approximately 7,800Btu/H to the internally mounted customer heat exchanger. In an ongoing attempt to develop a total fuel cell energy solution that optimizes this waste heat opportunity, LOGAN installed a Munters Corp. H300 Cargocaire desiccant dehumidifier at this site. As Keesler AFB is located in the southern US where high humidity increases air-conditioning loads, adds to utility costs, and raises other indoor environmental concerns, LOGAN believes desiccant air-conditioning may be the best use of low quality waste heat from the fuel cell to combat these issues. The residence of Lt. Col T. Yang currently has an active air conditioning system, however by supplementing the air conditioning system with desiccant air-conditioning the humidity levels will be reduced as well as the workload of the current air conditioning system. After reviewing the products offered by several manufacturers, LOGAN selected the Munters H300, which has a long operating life for humidity control at virtually any temperature with the following additional advantages:

- Efficient humidity control for applications including product drying, mold and mildew control, corrosion protection, storage and condensation control.
- Durable unitized body with welded aluminum construction.
- Easy access panel for inspection and maintenance. Simple ductwork connections.
- Compact, low profile design.
- Flow rates of 150-300 SCFM
- Nominal moisture removal; 9.1 lbs/hr at 75F, 50% RH at 300 SCFM. Capable of processing saturated, conditioned or outside air.

<u>Figure 6</u>, is a close up of the Munters H300 unit installed at the residence of Lt. Col. T. Yang PEM demonstration site in Biloxi, MI.



Figure 6- Munters H300 desiccant dehumidifier

#### 11.0 <u>Data Acquisition System</u>

LOGAN has installed a Connected Energy Corporation (CEC) web based Supervisory Control And Data Acquisition (SCADA) system that provides real time monitoring of the power plant. The schematic drawing seen in <a href="Figure 7">Figure 7</a> describes the architecture of the CEC hardware that supports the project. The system provides a comprehensive data acquisition solution and also incorporates remote control, alarming, notification, and reporting functions. The system picks up and displays a number of fuel cell operating parameters on functional display screens including kWH, cell stack voltage, and water management, as well as external instrumentation inputs including Btus, fuel flow, and thermal loop temperatures. CEC's Operations Control Center in Rochester, New York, collects, stores, displays, alarms, archives site data, and maintains connectivity by means of a Virtual Private Network (VPN) that links the fuel cell to CEC's control center.

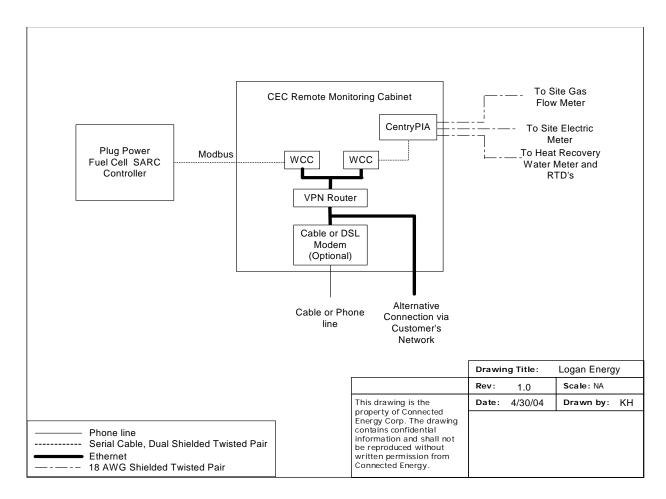


Figure 7- CEC WEB enabled SCADA terminal hardware

# 12.0 <u>Fuel Supply System</u>

LOGAN connected the fuel cell gas piping into the existing natural gas service line adjacent to the fuel cell pad, and installed a flow meter to calculate fuel cell usage as detailed in Paragraph 8.0. A regulator at the fuel cell gas inlet maintains the correct fuel cell operating pressure at 14 inches water column.

#### 13.0 <u>Installation Costs</u>

Keesler AFB, MS								
Project Utility Rates			Pro	viders				
1) Water (per 1,000 gallons)	\$	0.85	City of Biloxi					
2) Utility (per KWH)		\$	0.045					
3) Natural Gas ( per MCF)		\$	6.00	Ce	nter Point			
First Cost				Es	Estimated		Actual	
Plug Power 5 kW SU-1				\$	65,000.00	\$	65,000.00	
Shipping				\$	2,400.00		2,482.00	
Installation electrical				\$	2,800.00	\$	3,928.00	
Installation mechanical & thermal				\$	6,300.00	\$	10,234.00	
Watt Meter, Instrumentation, Web	Package			\$	1,285.00	\$	2,000.00	
Site Prep, labor materials				\$	825.00	\$	1,220.00	
Technical Supervision/Start-up				\$	4,500.00	\$	4,500.00	
Total				\$	83,110.00	\$	89,364.00	
Assume Five Year Simple Payb	ack			\$	16,622.00	\$	17,872.80	
Forcast Operating Expenses	Volume		\$/Hr		\$/ Yr			
Natural Gas Mcf/ hr @ 2.5kW	0.0330	\$	0.20	\$	1,561.03			
Water Gallons per Year 14,016				\$	11.91			
Total Annual Operating Cost						\$	1,572.95	
Economic Summary	Economic Summary							
Forcast Annual kWH			19710					
Annual Cost of Operating Power Plant			0.080					
Credit Annual Thermal Recovery Rate			(\$0.010)	kW	H			
Project Net Operating Cost			0.070	kW	Н			
Displaced Utility cost			0.045	kW	H			
Energy Savings (Cost)			(\$0.025)	kW	Н			
Annual Energy Savings (Cost)		(\$483.35)						

#### **Explanation of Calculations:**

**Actual First Cost Total** is a *sum* of all the listed first cost components. **Assumed Five Year Simple Payback** is the Estimated First Cost Total *divided by* 5 years.

#### **Forecast Operating Expenses:**

Natural gas usage in a fuel cell system set at 2.5 kW will consume 0.033 Thousand Cubic Feet (Mcf) per hour. The cost per hour at \$0.20 is 0.033 Mcf per hour x the cost of natural gas to the site per Mcf at \$6.00. The cost per year at \$1561.03 is the cost per hour at \$0.20 x 8760 hours per year x 0.9. The 0.9 is for 90% availability. Natural gas fuel cell systems set at 2.5 kW will consume 1.6 gallons of water per hour through the Deionization (DI) panel. The total volume of water consumed at 14,016 gallons per year is 1.6 gph x 8760 hours per year. The cost per year at \$11.91 is 14,016 gpy x cost of water to the site at \$0.85 per 1000 gallons. The Total Annual Operating Cost, \$1572.95 is the sum of the cost per year for the

natural gas and the cost per year for the water consumption.

#### **Economic Summary:**

The Forecast Annual kWh at 19,710 kWh is the product of the 2.5 kW set-point for the fuel cell system x 8760 hours per year x 0.9. The 0.9 is for 90% availability. The Annual Cost of Operating the Power Plant at \$0.080 per kWH is the Total Annual Operating Cost at \$1572.95 *divided by* the forecast annual kWh at 19,710 kWh. The Credit Annual Thermal Recovery at -\$0.010 is 7800 *divided by* 3414. This is then *multiplied by* 0.1x the cost of electricity at \$0.045 per kWh x (-1). As a credit to the cost summary, the value is expressed as a negative number.

The Project Net Operating Cost is the *sum* of the Annual Cost of Operating the Power Plant *plus* the Credit Annual Thermal Recovery.

The Displaced Utility Cost is the cost of electricity to March ARB per kWh.

**Energy Savings (cost)** equals the Displaced Utility Cost *minus* the Project Net Operating Cost.

**Annual Energy Savings (cost)** equals the Energy Savings x the Forecast Annual kWh.

## 14.0 <u>Acceptance Test</u>

A LOGAN technician, following the completion of all the commissioning tasks listed in the Checklist, attached below, ran an 8-hour acceptance test on March 7, 2005. It was the first successful start-up of the system. Please see <u>Appendix Section 2</u> for documentation of the test done by the technician.

# Appendix

# 1) Monthly Performance Data

Keesler AFB, Biloxi, Mississippi	March, 2005	April, 2005	May, 2005	June, 2005	July, 2005	Total
Run Time (Hours)	660	720	744	684	720	3528
Time in Period (Hours)	744	720	744	720	744	3672
Availability (%)	89%	100%	100%	<b>9</b> 5%	97%	96%
Energy Produced (kWe-hrs AC)	1840	1786	1855.8	1715	1070	8266.8
Output Setting (kW)	2.5	2.5	2.5	2.5	2.5	2.5
Average Output (kW)	2.79	2.48	2.49	2.51	1.49	2.34
Capacity Factor (%)	49.46%	49.61%	49.89%	47.64%	28.76%	45.03%
Fuel Usage, LHV (BTUs)	2.42E+07	2.32E+07	2.47E+07	2.05E+07	1.95E+07	1.12E+08
Fuel Usage (SCF)	23973	22890	24448	20252	19304	110867
Electrical Efficiency (%)	25.91%	26.33%	25.62	28.58	18.71	25.17%
Thermal Heat Recovery (BTUs)	0	0	0	0	0	0
Heat Recovery Rate (BTUs/hour)	0	0		0	0	0
Thermal Efficiency (%)	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
Overall Efficiency (%)	25.91%	26.33%	25.62%	28.58%	18.71%	25.17%
Number of Scheduled Outages	0	0	0	0	0	0.00%
Scheduled Outage Hours	0	0	0	0	0	0.00%
Number of Unscheduled Outages	1	0	0	1	1	3.00%
Unscheduled Outage Hours	84	0	0	36	24	144

# 2) Documentation of Installation and Acceptance Test

Installation Check List	Initials	DATE	Time(hrs)
Batteries Installed	KMW	01/05/05	0.25
Wiring Connections Inspected for Loose Connections and Tightness	KMW	01/05/05	0.25
Plumbing and Mechanical Connections Inspected for Tightness	KMW	01/05/05	0.25
Stack Installed	KMW	01/11/05	1.00
Stack Coolant Installed	KMW	01/11/05	1.00
Air Purged from Stack Coolant	KMW	03/04/05	0.50
Radiator Coolant Installed	KMW	01/05/05	verified
Air Purged from Radiator Coolant	KMW	01/05/05	0.25
Inverter Power Cable Installed	KMW	01/05/05	verified
Inverter Power Polarity Corrected			
RS 232 /Modem Cable Installed	KMW	03/04/05	0.50
Natural Gas Pipe Installed	KMW	02/09/05	6.00
DI Water / Heat Trace Installed	KMW	02/08/05	4.00
DI Panel Drain Installed	KMW	02/09/05	4.00
Verify Commissioning of DI Water Panel	KMW	02/28/05	1.00
System Drain Tubing Installed	KMW	01/05/05	verified
Commissioning Check List and Acceptance Test	KMW	03/04/05	0.25
Controls Powered Up and Communication OK	KMW	03/04/05	4.00
Inverter Setpoints Verified	KMW	03/04/05	0.25
Data Logging Setup (verify call out time with Plug Power Tech Support)	KMW	03/04/05	0.25
SARC Setpoints Verified			
SARC System and Stack Name Correct	KMW	03/04/05	0.25
Modem Test Passed	KMW	03/04/05	0.25
Modem Phone Number	228-374	-2824	
Start-Up Initiated	KMW	03/04/05	5.00
Coolant Leak Checked	KMW	03/04/05	0.25
Water Leak Checked	KMW	03/04/05	0.25
Flammable Gas Leak Checked	KMW	03/04/05	0.50
Data Logging to Central Computer			
System Run for 8 Hours with No Failures	KMW	03/07/05	56.00
Verify Connectivity & Data Logging to Connected Energy System			
Verify Thermal Heat Recovery Operational			

# 3) Sample Work Logs

Monthly S	Site Report
Period	February-05
Sito	Kaaslar AFR

Site	Keesler AFB		
Engineer	Date	PP S/N	Activity
	2/28/05		Good weather and two of the correct transformers and this p/p is back in line with the rest waiting for a phone line. The new transformers were the exact same size so the change out was easy. I had to make one small change in the wiring (I'll reflect it on the one line) and output was perfect 120v hot leg to neutral and 120 v hot leg to neutral. We connected it to the house and had Mrs. Yang turn on everything. No dimming, no tripping and no nothing.
			I still need a heat recovery device. Keith S. is working on that. The phone line is ordered and should have been installed 2 weeks ago. Lt. Fuller is checking on it.
Monthly Si	te Report March-05		

Loaded 1.32 version software. Discovered that although the inverter setpoints don't appear to be uploading they actually are. Started out by thinking I would have a Harvell day spending 3 hours trying to get the inverter setpoints to load. After an hour I got fed up and decided to give up trying and power down to reset the SARC after enabling the MODBUS. After powering back up I went at the inverter setpoints again. When it had a successful read I noticed the changes were there. I think it may be worth a try to click update hardware and after it pops up the "cannot update setpoints" window close everything and power down and then back up. If it works it will save allot of time. JW says he figured the power down thing a couple of months ago while trying to get lifetime stats to load so it sounds like the real deal. Jan from Plug says he always loads inverter setpoints with only the Aux.

Activity

3/4/05

Keesler AFB

Date

PP S/N

effort.

Site Engineer

First attempt at start went well until I got a low stack coolant inlet shutdown. P/p auto restarted and I spent most of the start up squeezing air out of the hose. That did the trick. P/p started fine is running as we speak. Modem test worked fine so we should get a couple of call ins over the weekend.

breaker on. Until Plug comes up with a real fix these two tricks are worth the!